



## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: on average, 700 people die each year in boating-related accidents in the U.S.; nearly 70% of these are fatalities caused by drowning; and

WHEREAS: the vast majority of these accidents are caused by human error or poor judgment and not by the boat, equipment, or environmental factors; and

WHEREAS: a significant number of boaters who lose their lives by drowning each year would be alive today had they worn their life jackets; and

WHEREAS: modern life jackets are more comfortable, more attractive, and more wearable than styles of years past and deserve a fresh look by today's boating public.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Duke A Bennett, Mayor of the City of Terre Haute, do hereby proclaim May 17 - 23, 2014 as

## NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Terre Haute, and the start of the year-round effort to promote safe boating. I urge all those who boat to "**Boat Smart. Boat Safe. Wear It.**" and practice safe boating habits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Terre Haute to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

Duke A Bennett, Mayor

